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Vietnam invasion

THE massive invasion of South Vietnam by over forty thousand North Vietnamese has ushered in a new, and possibly decisive phase in the 25-year-old conflict in Vietnam. Hanoi hopes to win an impressive military victory before the conclusion of the planned American troop withdrawal, and to create certain political facts in South-East Asia before President Nixon starts his Moscow talks.

The invasion is Hanoi's reply to the various statements made in Washington and Saigon about the progress of South Vietnam's armed forces, in the wake of what was termed a successful Vietnamization programme. It is also a broad hint to Peking and Moscow that North Vietnam retains its freedom of action, and its national and military goals are not bound by any arrangements and decisions made with the U.S. to which it was not a party.

The retreat of Saigon's forces has shown that even after weeks of massive bombing from bases in Thailand and Guam, the American Air Force has not succeeded in destroying the troop concentrations along the demilitarized border, and that the Vietnam war will be decided on the ground, and not, as Mr. Nixon had hoped, from the air. This development may have a serious impact on President Nixon's position on the eve of the Moscow talks, and more important, on the eve of the 1972 presidential election campaign.

That campaign has so far been contested mostly on domestic issues. Now the focus could shift again to Vietnam, and even though the mood of America today is against the Vietnam war, Mr. Nixon will not want to appear in the position of having lost that war.

Yet his options are limited. He could stop the withdrawal, escalate the ground war, and escalate the air war. He could threaten Hanoi with great destruction if her forces continue to advance. But none of these options would be welcomed by the American citizen, tired of the war and far more concerned about unemployment, inflation, crime and pollution, than about the fate of Saigon.

Hanoi may have correctly judged the mood in America and timed the invasion to suit it.

It is unlikely that either Russia or China will attempt to persuade General Giap, or Premier Pham Van Dong, to halt the invasion. Indeed, both Moscow and Peking have been trying to win favour in Hanoi and increase their influence at the expense of the other. Mr. Nixon could not possibly expect help from these quarters to improve Saigon's military situation.

He could, as a last resort, renew the Paris talks and make the concessions he has refused to make in the past. But the military pressure could become so great that he would be repeating the Dien Bien Phu, namely negotiate under mounting military crisis and finally give in.

It seems that this is precisely what Hanoi has in mind, presenting the Nixon Administration with perhaps its greatest challenge yet.

Sadat to Algeria in bid to seek support

CAIRO (Reuters). — President Anwar Sadat is to fly to Algeria, and possibly Tunisia, to muster Arab strength for the conflict with Israel. The newspaper "Al-Ahram" said yesterday the President's visit to Algeria for talks with President Houari Boumedienne was expected to take place later this month and would last for a few days.

The Egyptian leader, who is likely to visit Tunisia on his return from Algeria, has already held wide-ranging talks with several Arab leaders, and with Soviet leaders in Moscow. He has also visited Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Sudan in the last few weeks in his campaign to dislodge Israel from the administered Arab territories.

The Egyptian Foreign Minister, Dr. Mourad Ghaleb, flies to Algiers next Friday to prepare for President Sadat's expected visit.

Relations between Cairo and Algiers have been lukewarm since Egypt accepted the United Nations Security Council resolution on the Middle East crisis of November 1967. President Boumedienne has insisted on several occasions that

war was the only way for retrieval of Arab territories and withdrawal of Israeli units on the Suez Canal front shortly after the June 1967 defeat, saying these forces would only be rebased in Egypt if a contingency plan to go to war against Israel was actively considered.

President Sadat received a message from King Feisal of Saudi Arabia on Saturday dealing with recent Arab developments.

The contents of the message, conveyed by Omar Bekkat, the Saudi Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, were not made public. It is assumed the note dealt with King Hussein's plan for a federal kingdom, comprising the east and west banks of the Jordan.

Meanwhile, President Sadat's special representative, Hassan Sabri al-Khouly, is leaving today for Damascus on Saturday, carrying messages from Sadat to Syrian President Hafez Assad and Libyan Leader Col. Muammar Gaddafi, the Middle East News Agency reported. The mission is connected with the latest developments in the Arab world and the Middle East crisis, the agency added.

West Bankers shun Cairo conference

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter.

Only four West Bank notables have applied to the Israeli authorities for permits to go to Cairo for the Palestine Liberation Organization party which the PLO has set for next Thursday. This was stated by military circles commenting yesterday on reports that over 100 Arabs from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip were refused permits to go to the Cairo gathering.

The circles told The Post that the authorities refused permission to the four who applied to local military governors. A number of others invited to the party were openly reluctant to go to the Cairo party, it was noted.

Our Gaza correspondent reported yesterday that 20 notables from the Gaza Strip, including Mayor Rashid Shawwa, were invited to Cairo.

Egypt balks at Suez talks: Rabin

LOD AIRPORT. — Any lack of progress toward a partial settlement (between Egypt and Israel) is due to Egypt's present refusal to enter into discussions for such an arrangement. This was stated here yesterday by Mr. Yitzhak Rabin, Ambassador to the U.S., as he arrived home for a private visit and consultations at the Foreign Affairs Ministry.

He was commenting on the American initiative for "proximity talks" aimed at an agreement for the reopening of the Suez Canal and a partial settlement.

Mr. Rabin told reporters he believed King Hussein's current visit to the U.S. was designed to improve relations between Jordan and the U.S., to enhance the King's image in America and gain better understanding for Jordan's position among officials in the U.S. Administration. According to Mr. Rabin, King Hussein's visit was successful.

In reply to a reporter's question, Mr. Rabin stated that he believed the U.S. would not support King Hussein's detailed federation plan. However, the U.S. would continue its traditional position of support for the King's regime. (Nim)

NO APPLICATIONS

No one applied for a permit to attend the congress. Nevertheless, the authorities reminded the Gazans that the permits they hold for travelling in various Arab countries were not valid for the Cairo party.

Meanwhile, Cairo's "Al-Ahram" newspaper said yesterday that the main issues before the congress were the outcome of last week's municipal elections in Samaria, the Hussein plan for a Jordanian-Palestinian federation in a united kingdom and terrorist unity.

In Amman, the official "Ar-Rai" daily yesterday appealed to Palestinians who were invited to the Cairo rally not to go. The conference was aimed at drawing up plans to destroy the Jordanian state, it said. The paper said that presence at the meeting amounted to "treason" against Jordan.

Ceausescu arrives in Cairo

CAIRO (AP). — Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife arrived in Cairo Saturday for a five-day visit. Mr. Ceausescu, who is winding up a swing through Africa, arrived here from Khartoum.

Relations between Rumania and Egypt have been shaky and down but have improved recently. Rumania was the only East European state not to sever diplomatic relations with Israel following the Six Day War, though it called for the full implementation of the U.N. Security Council resolution of November, 1967.

In 1969, Egypt withdrew its ambassador from Rumania in protest against that country's decision to raise its diplomatic relations with Israel to ambassadorial level. Rumania, however, kept its ambassador in Cairo.

E.E.C. to open talks on terms with Israel

By MOSHE ATER
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

The European Common Market's Council of Ministers has agreed to open negotiations with Israel to amend the terms of this country's agreement with the E.E.C. following its planned expansion.

The ministers agreed that Israeli exports will be adversely affected when Britain and three other EFTA members introduce the higher E.E.C. external tariff, and ways should be sought to offer Israel "specific and real" compensation for that damage.

Though the decision to open talks does not expressly say that the original trade equilibrium must be restored, official quarters consider it as an evidence of goodwill, opening the way to a solution.

The decision is seen also as a good omen for finding a way out of another problem which has been straining the relations between Israel and the E.E.C. — the preference accorded to so-called "less developed" countries, from which Israel, together with a small number of other countries, has been excluded.

The view seems to be gaining ground that the expanding Common Market, which is going to become the hub of world trade, cannot discriminate against a few countries at its doorstep, least of all against Israel, which is linked to Europe by history and commerce, and should instead strive to force some kind of free trade area comprising the entire Mediterranean region.

Italy may act for Israel in Uganda

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Italy has agreed to represent Israel in Uganda, but the Uganda Government has not yet confirmed the arrangement, it was reliably learned last night.

Uganda President Idi Amin did not announce that he was breaking off diplomatic relations when he ordered the Israel Embassy in Kampala closed last week. But even if he does make such a move, representation of Israel through another country will still be possible.

Almost all the media in Uganda had left by yesterday. The rest are expected to be out by next Sunday, one day before the deadline set by Amin. Ambassador Daniel Laor is expected to be with the last group to leave.

Meanwhile, there has as yet been no sign that the crisis in relations with Uganda will lead to a deterioration in Israel's position in other African states, according to authoritative sources. Israel diplomats in African capitals have explained Israel's view and conveyed Israel's explanation of the events to the various governments, but there has been no official reaction.

U.S. to recognize Bangladesh

WASHINGTON (UPI). — President Nixon has decided to extend U.S. recognition to Bangladesh early this week, U.S. government officials said yesterday.

Mr. Nixon "surveyed" the entire South Asian scene and decided it would be best to recognize the newly independent nation now, the officials said.

The U.S. already is giving extensive aid to Bangladesh, which has been recognized by nearly 50 nations, including the Soviet Union, Britain, France and Israel.

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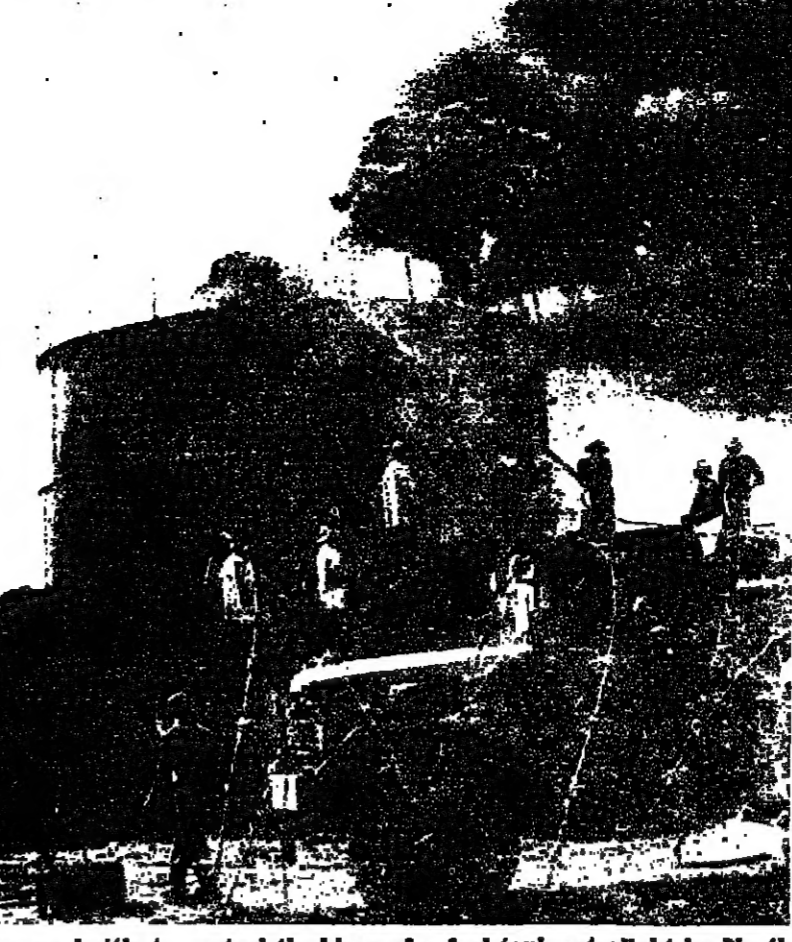
NEXT year in Jerusalem... but you can also now "Build Jerusalem" at a modest price armed with just a pair of scissors and a pot of glue. "Build Jerusalem" is the name of an attractive new gift kit — two large sheets of coloured cardboard cut-outs, designed especially for the shop by Willy Feinberg. Marketed in a cardboard tube, the kit is well suited to sending to friends abroad and comes accompanied with clear instructions in English, French, German or Hebrew. The cut-out construction set is one of a series now planned by Maskit and suited for children from the age of ten upwards — also providing a good adult pastime for those that way inclined. When completed, the kit forms a very attractive colourful model of the Old City of Jerusalem — as shown in our illustration.

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BIGGEST BLOW SINCE 1968 OFFENSIVE Hanoi units rip through Saigon defence in north

SAIGON (Reuters). — North Vietnamese troops and tanks smashed through South Vietnam's northern defences yesterday and were reported pouring south almost unimpeded towards the provincial capital of Quang Tri. The 40,000 North Vietnamese are in effective control of the province surrounding the city, South Vietnam's most northern, and its 22,000 residents were fleeing south towards the city of Hue, according to military sources there.



Firemen battle to control the blaze of a fuel tank set alight by North Vietnamese rockets at Tay Ninh, one of the forward headquarters of the South Vietnamese forces. (AP radiophotos)

Egypt alerted to smallpox

CAIRO. — A nation-wide anti-smallpox vaccination campaign has begun in Egypt. Health Ministry officials said the country is free from the disease and the vaccination was a precautionary measure after the spread of smallpox in a number of countries.

A consignment of 500,000 doses of smallpox vaccine was flown from Egypt to Syria on Saturday when 20 cases were reported in areas near the border with Iraq.

In addition, Dr. Ahmed el Akkad, Director-General of Infectious Diseases, has gone to Damascus to assist in health control along the Syrian-Iraqi border, it was announced Sunday.

In Belgrade, Serbian Orthodox Church authorities have been asked by medical officials to take special sanitary measures in serving the rites of Easter later this month to prevent the spread of smallpox. Priests will have to use as many spoons as possible and to disinfect them after use in the wine and bread giving ceremony.

In West Germany, a Yugoslav worker, who escaped from smallpox quarantine in Hanover on Friday, was located yesterday at a railway station 120 kms. away.

Hanover health officials were making preparations to seal off completely all seven quarantine centres to prevent any further escapes. The Yugoslav had had direct contact on March 24 with a Yugoslav smallpox victim in a doctor's waiting room.

All the employees at Lod Airport will be immunized against smallpox, according to the Health Ministry spokesman at the airport. The spokesman said yesterday that the inspection of incoming passengers has been intensified, in order to ascertain that they all received proper immunization.

(Passengers from countries afflicted with the disease, or where infection is suspected, will be required to be placed under observation, and so receive immunization immediately upon arrival.)

30,000 homeless in Bangladesh tornado

DACCA (Reuters). — At least 33 people were killed and 250 people injured in a tornado that hit the Mymensingh district of northern Bangladesh, it was reported here yesterday.

The Bangladesh News Agency (BSS) said the tornado, the first this year, also left some 20,000 people homeless, destroying about 5,000 houses.

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Ulster Catholics march illegally—but peacefully

BELFAST. — Thousands of supporters of the Irish Republican Army marched illegally but peacefully in Belfast and other towns yesterday to pay homage to their comrades who died in past battles with the British.

Men, women and children marched through pouring rain down the Falls Road in the heart of the Roman Catholic area to Milton cemetery in Andersonstown, a stronghold of the Provisional I.R.A. Police said there were no incidents and no arrests. British troops also stayed out of sight but huddled in side streets in case of trouble.

Catholics marked the day to honour those killed in the abortive 1918 Easter rising against British rule.

An extremist leader met growing Catholic objection to violence with a cry of "fight on!"

"There is only one attitude to adopt for the Irish people — concession is damned!" I.R.A. leader Sean MacStiofain told 1,300 Catholics at a Londonderry rally.

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100,000 hail Mintoff in Peking

PEKING (Reuter). — Maltese Prime Minister Dom Mintoff arrived in Peking yesterday for an official visit to China.

About 100,000 people waving flowers, banging drums and cymbals and chanting slogans welcomed Mr. Mintoff and his four-man delegation. They were met at the airport by Premier Chou En-lai and other top ranking Chinese officials.

His visit comes just a week after Mr. Mintoff signed a new seven-year, £14m. defence agreement with Britain and its Nato partners for use of Malta's military bases.

It was not known how long he will stay in China, but he will hold talks with Prime Minister Chou on economic and diplomatic relations and is expected to seek Chinese aid.

At the airport about 3,000 youngsters in colourful costume greeted the Maltese leader.

Mr. Mintoff reviewed a 300-strong guard of honour mounted by the army, navy and air force and then drove in a motorcade with Mr. Chou 28 kms. into Peking to the state guest house where he is staying.

Thousands of other youngsters lined the city's main Avenue of Eternal Peace for about three kms, dancing, chanting slogans and singing as the motorcade drove by.

Later, Mr. Mintoff held his first talk with Mr. Chou and Vice-Premier Li Hsien-nien.

Peking radio also reported that a delegation of the Palestine Liberation Organization visited a Chinese People's Liberation army unit in Peking yesterday and were welcomed by drum-and-song-bearing officers and men.

The delegation consisted of Abu Nidal and Abu Dawoud saw a shooting practice and a theatrical performance, and dined with P.L.A. commanders and fighters at an army men's club.

Peking asked Libyan ties, didn't get reply

TRIPOLI (Reuter). — China proposed establishing diplomatic relations with Libya but its cable was left unanswered, as it was not signed by Chairman Mao Tse-tung, Colonel Muammar Gaddafi said here yesterday.

The Libyan leader was commenting at a press conference on the fact that Libya was the only member of the Federation of Arab Republics, which also includes Egypt and Syria, not to have relations with Peking. He recalled that he announced recognition of China last year.

China's Prime Minister Chou En-lai had then proposed the establishment of diplomatic relations. But his cable was left unanswered as "the cable must come from Chairman Mao."

There had been no developments since then, he said.

Taiwan still maintains an embassy here, and its ambassador attends official functions.

Soviet warships to Iraq

BEIRUT (AP). — An undisclosed number of Soviet warships are on their way to Iraqi ports in the Persian Gulf, Baghdad radio reported yesterday.

"Preparations are well under way in all Iraqi ports to receive the visiting units of the Soviet Navy, due to arrive soon," the radio said.

Iraq has three ports on the northern tip of the Persian Gulf, the outlet through which most of Western Europe's oil supplies are shipped. The ports are Basra, Fao and Um Kasr.

The impending visit has been scheduled to coincide with national celebrations next Friday when Iraq's huge North Rumaila oilfield begins production, the broadcast said.

Previous Iraqi statements claimed Soviet party leader Leonid Brezhnev, Premier Alexei Kosygin and Nikolai Podgorny have all agreed to go to Iraq to attend the North Rumaila inaugural ceremonies. But there was no confirmation of this from Moscow.

The Soviet Union has pumped \$196m. in equipment and technical assistance to develop North Rumaila, which has 1,000 million tons of proven deposits.

Soviet naval chief to India

MOSCOW. — The Commander in Chief of the Soviet Navy, Adm. Sergei Gorshkov, left yesterday for New Delhi.

The official news agency "Tass" said Adm. Gorshkov is paying an "official friendly visit" to India at the invitation of the Chief of Staff of the Indian Navy, Adm. S. M. Nanda.

In New Delhi, the leader of India's rightwing Hindu nationalist Jan Sangh party yesterday warned the government against accepting a "Tashkent-style patchwork peace settlement" with Pakistan under Soviet pressure.

Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee said his party would launch a country-wide agitation if India accepted such a settlement, when commenting on the sudden visit to Moscow of External Affairs Minister Swaran Singh.

Mr. Vajpayee told a press conference here the Moscow visit had deepened apprehension that the Soviet Union was trying to pressure India into accepting a Tashkent-type settlement with Pakistan.

Mr. Singh is scheduled to arrive in Moscow today from Kabul and signs of an imminent diplomatic move for the first Indo-Pakistan meeting since the December war.

(AP, Reuter)



Burma beats Indonesia 3-0 in Olympic soccer

BANGKOK (Reuter). — Burma last night defeated Indonesia 3-0 to enter the final of the Asian Zone Two Olympic qualifying soccer tournament in Rangoon, the Burma Broadcasting Service said.

The half-time score was 1-0. The live broadcast from Aung San stadium, monitored here, said Burma's goals came in the 16th, 50th and 59th minutes.

Burma will meet Thailand in the final tomorrow. The victor will go forward to play at the 20th Olympiad at Munich.

Police 'stepping on heels' of Sallustro kidnappers

BUENOS AIRES. — President Alejandro Lanusse told newsmen yesterday that the police are "stepping on the heels" of the left-wing kidnappers of Italian industrialist Oberdan Sallustro.

Mr. Lanusse made the statement at San Carlos de Bariloche, a winter resort 1,450 kms. south-west of Buenos Aires, where he spent Easter holidays.

Mr. Sallustro, general manager of Fiat-Concord, the local branch of the Italian motor company, was kidnapped on March 21 by the People's Revolutionary Army (E.R.P.), a Trotskyite terrorist organization.

The E.R.P. demanded a huge ransom for his release, which the government turned down. Mr. Lanusse also forced Fiat to give up its earlier plans of complying with the demands, which included the delivery of \$5m. to the kidnappers, the release of political and labour prisoners, the rehiring of Fiat workers dismissed last year and the distribution of clothing to poor children.

The President's statement came after informed sources claimed the authorities yesterday questioned the man they believe masterminded the kidnap. The sources which revealed that police arrested an E.R.P. member believed to have organized the kidnap, did not name the man. However, they said he was the leader of a seven-member E.R.P. cell responsible for the snatch.

He was arrested with four other people — one of them a pregnant woman — when police swooped on a house in the industrial suburb of Villa Ballester on Friday night.

The cellar of the house was the "prison" where Mr. Sallustro was taken after the kidnap, it was officially confirmed. But he was probably moved out last Wednesday or Thursday, the sources said.

(AP, Reuter)

Zoo official may resign over Loch Ness hoax

LONDON (AP). — An English zoo official said yesterday he would consider resigning over being hoaxed by a colleague into announcing the discovery of a Loch Ness monster.

Mr. Terence O'Brien was the leader of an eight-man team from the Flamingo Park Zoo at Scarborough, a resort on England's northeast coast, who went to the Scottish lake in search of his legendary inhabitant, "Nessie."

On Good Friday morning the zoologists found a strange dead creature floating in the loch. They announced the discovery to local newsmen and headed for Scarborough with their prize. But

police stopped them before they could get out of Scotland.

Then John Shields, a member of the team, disclosed his elaborate hoax. He had smuggled the one and a half ton bull elephant seal into the loch to trick his friends.

Most Britons enjoyed the joke, but Mr. O'Brien was not amused. "I will consider resigning," he told newsmen. "I seem to be the only serious person at Flamingo Park Zoo."

Mr. Shields, whose 23rd birthday was on April Fool's Day, told reporters he used a seal which had died a week ago after being brought from the Antarctic for another zoo in the same group as Flamingo Park.

Hussein's cousin said held on drug smuggling charge

BEIRUT (AP). — A cousin of Jordan's King Hussein has been placed on house arrest in Amman on charges connected with the smuggling of \$3m. worth of hashish and gold to London, the Beirut newspaper "An-Nahar" reported yesterday.

The well-informed newspaper said the King's cousin, Sherif Ghazi Rakan, has also been asked to resign his post as Jordan's civil aviation director. Rakan was arrested in

Amman shortly after the government received news that 200 kilos of hashish and 17 kilos of gold plates were seized from five suitcases aboard a Royal Jordanian Airline plane that landed in Heathrow airport on March 18, according to "An-Nahar."

Rakan admitted that the suitcases were packed at Amman airport in his official car, privileged to bypass the airport's customs and security checkpoints, the paper added. It said the Jordanian intelligence service for several days and that many airline officials in Amman have also been arrested.

The paper said there were rumours that a Jordanian business tycoon, a former army chief of staff and a current ambassador to a European country travelled with the smuggled shipment and may have been involved. But it mentioned no names.

Bootleg liquor kills 35 in New Delhi

NEW DELHI (UPI). — Thirty-five persons here have died from drinking liquor mixed with methyl alcohol, believed bought from bootleggers, police said yesterday. At other 10 victims are in a hospital, two in a bad way.

At least 2,000 persons died in New Delhi after drinking similar bootleg liquor. Commercial liquor is sold in New Delhi on certain days but usually priced too high for the poor wage earner.

The Delhi administration on Saturday restricted the sale of methyl alcohol and another substance called French polish which, police said, bootleggers regularly used in their brew.

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Italy loans Egypt \$47.5m.

CAIRO (Reuter). — Italy is to provide Egypt with \$47.5m. in credit facilities, it was officially announced here yesterday.

Mr. Mohammed Abdullah Marzaban, Minister of Economy and Foreign Trade, said in a statement that the credits would be repayable over 11 years from 1976 at six per cent interest. They would be used to settle debts owing to Italy and finance commercial transactions between the two countries.

Mr. Marzaban, who made a recent official visit to Italy, said Italy would also give Egypt 35,000 tons of flour and wheat.

He said the two sides had agreed to increase their trade volume to about \$60m. a year. They would also carry out joint tourist and other projects.

Mr. Marzaban also said that Italy was expected to contribute about \$38.5m. towards financing the Suez-Alexandria pipeline project.

Train hits another, 400 hurt in Dacca

DACCA (AP). — An estimated 400 people were injured, some seriously, when one train crashed into the rear of another in northern Bangladesh, according to reports reaching here late Saturday.

A railway ministry official said the accident on Saturday could have been worse had the moving train been travelling faster as it neared Bhabanipur station.

Some carriages of both trains were hurled off the rails and capsized, trapping passengers inside, he added.

Cables in brief

TRAFFIC. — Nigeria yesterday switched over to driving on the right, ending a 33-year-old traffic system and leaving Ghana as the only West African state still driving on the left.

EDUCATION. — A Jordanian delegation led by Mr. Hikmat el-Saket, Under-Secretary for Education, left Amman yesterday for a 10-day visit to Moscow, in order to develop cultural ties between the two countries and get acquainted with the Soviet educational system.

Pope Paul gives his 'Urbi et Orbi' blessing to the city of Rome and the world from the main balcony of St. Peter's Basilica on Easter Sunday. The square was jammed with 200,000 people. (See 'Easter' — Page 7)

(AP radiophoto)

Libya reports bigger budget

BEIRUT (AP). — Col. Muammar Gaddafi yesterday announced a budget of 231,935,000 dinars (\$646m.) for 1972 in Libya, the official Libyan News Agency reported.

Forty million dinars (\$112m.) was earmarked for defence in the new budget, which is 31,221,000 dinars (\$87m.) more than last year.

Libya's oil income this year is expected to total about \$2,000m., the agency reported, without saying what would be done with the surplus.

ROBBEE. — A thief grabbed 300,000 lire (£200) from a widow with six children as she left a post office in Turin after collecting the money donated by a benevolent society.

Talhouni says Israel, Jordan never talked

PARIS (Reuter). — The French news magazine "L'Express" yesterday printed excerpts from an interview by former Jordanian Premier Bahjat Talhouni, denying the authenticity of documents which purported to prove there were secret contacts between Israel and Jordan.

In an interview given to a news agency in London, Mr. Talhouni said "These documents are false."

He added: "Not only have I never given instructions for such contacts while I was premier (in 1967), but I never heard of such contacts then or since then. On the other hand, I have proof that this is a plot mounted by the Palestinian resistance. The documents were all forged by the fedayeen."

The documents, printed last week, were three letters allegedly signed by Mr. Talhouni and referring to contacts with Israeli authorities.

"L'Express" commented that Mr. Talhouni's denial, blaming Palestinian elements, differed from a denial issued this week in Amman by a government spokesman who said the letters had been printed at Israel's request.

Lindy rescued with expedition in Philippines

TASADAY FOREST, Philippines (AP). — American pilot and conservationist Charles Lindbergh and the Philippine-led expedition that found the stone-age Tasaday band living in caves, clambered aboard hovering U.S. Air Force helicopter yesterday and were lifted safely out of this southern Philippines rain forest.

The 70-year-old Mr. Lindbergh, smiling broadly and wearing a floppy white hat and climbing boots, said, "we were in no danger, but we were stranded and running low on food. The Air Force did an excellent job." The Air Force came in after he expedition's own helicopter broke down.

The expedition studying the Tasaday was conducted by Panamin, a foundation for assisting Philippine minorities. The Tasaday, who number only 24 persons, were found on March 23 at their 4,000-foot-high home site — the first discovery of living cave-dwellers in modern times.

Two Ukrainian war criminals to die

MOSCOW (Reuter). — A military court in the Ukraine has sentenced two war criminals to be shot for killing Jews and others during World War II, the newspaper "Trud" said yesterday.

It said the pair, named as a Mr. Lutsenko and a Mr. Zabolotny, had joined the Nazi occupiers' police force, rounded up and shot people in touch with Soviet partisans and executed over 100 Jews, including children.

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Ministry of Immigrant Absorption

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The war of words between two Chinas

QUEMOY ISLAND (AP). — It's like living on the tip of a lion. From a promontory here, Communist China is only 25,000 yards away — you feel you could reach out and touch it.

I watched 200 Nationalist Chinese Air Force men as they stood before me, heads upstretched, to open sea and sky, faces tense with zeal, shouting eternal loyalty to Chiang Kai-shek, newly re-elected President of the exiled Government in Taiwan. Surely the Communists would hear, be angry, and lob a shell onto us? But nothing happened.

There is no mistaking the anti-Communist fervor of people on this island, civilian locals or military forces. The commander of the Air Force had just made a short, rousing speech to these airmen. His message seems hardly necessary: "Compromise with Communism is unthinkable." To these men, staring down the barrel of Mao's gun, compromise literally is unthinkable and Nixon and Kissinger might not exist.

The Communists might pulverize the island with high explosives or an atom bomb, but I doubt if they could take it short of that. If they did the casualties would have to be huge.

'Underground fortresses'
Under the rolling, pastoral scene, Quemoy is a vast hollowed-out lump of rock and several million tons of concrete. Indigenous peasants till flowering fields over invisible, multi-storied networks of tunnels and bunkers.

Practically everywhere you look you see bunker-mouths crouching in the undergrowth. It was barely 20 years ago or so, now there are 85 million bases on the island, a guiding lieutenant says with a display of improbably precise information — but there are certainly a lot. You have the feeling when driving about Quemoy's 11 miles by about six, that you are only seeing a minute part of it all. The rest lies underground.

That must be where the soldiers are. You see relatively few above ground, yet the place must be teeming. There is an unexpectedly large number of civilians in the capital town and the strikingly beautiful villages with their soft-red, curving roofs.

Gavin Young reports from the Nationalist island of Quemoy, off the coast of China. He writes of the formidable military build-up there, and of the shouting war against the mainland.

sorts between Taipei and Peking. Such an agreement would not be admitted. Still, they are agreeing, at least, to shout if not to shoot. And if the nearness of the mainland is amazing, the mutual barrage of propaganda is downright astounding.

I stood on a rocky tip of Quemoy overlooking a bright, blue sea studded with low, green and brown islands. It might have been the Aegean. In fact, what followed could have come from a film of "The Odyssey" by Fellini.

Suddenly through the silence crashed a great hoarse metallic voice. Across the perfect strip of water, the odd fishing boat, the sea-gulls, the guller Chinese monstrosities filled the sky. The effect was enormously inhuman and barbaric, like an ancient god roaring in a cave.

A second or two, and behind us out of a great crag, an even louder vast voice began to boom hollowly back, a female voice this time. A kind of colossal dialogue seemed to be taking place, like two mythological giants in a titanic slanging match.

Unenchanted stuff
But when I crept into a rock tunnel I found two small bespectacled Chinese, a girl and a pale young man, in a tiny studio. They shouted slowly into a microphone. Occasionally they put on a record of military music, sat back and took a sip of green tea.

What was all the talk about? I asked a nice major. "We are conveying," he said in correct tones, "President Chiang's concern about the people on the mainland." What are they shouting back at you? "At this instance they are saying that Shanghai, after 22 years of Communist rule, is a great industrial base." Pretty unenchanted stuff, one could not help thinking.

There are other propaganda ploys — balloons full of leaflets or toys, buoys floated onto the coast on the tide, shells packed with pictures of the comfortable life in Chiang's Taiwan, shot into China like tiny pins into a whole. Quemoy bagged three defectors from Chairman Mao last year. There is no sign of a truce in this strangely pathetic, bloodless bombardment.



After the blast, Church Lane, in Belfast, where a hearse containing a bomb exploded on Saturday.



An East Berlin woman wipes tears from her eyes as her husband smilingly looks at a West Berlin relative (centre) they came to welcome at a checkpoint. There were many such tearful and joyous reunions as East Germany opened the wall for West Berliners to make Easter visits. (UPI, Israel Staff)

Makarios agrees to disarming

NICOSIA (AP). — Cyprus President Archbishop Makarios yesterday accepted a proposal by Turkish Prime Minister Nihat Erim for general disarmament in Cyprus. "Such a measure will constitute a tremendous contribution to the solution of the Cyprus problem and the consolidation of peace on the island," Makarios said in a written statement.

"We are ready to discuss the working out of a plan for the abolition, by either side, of military posts on the island, especially at points of confrontation, the reduction of armed forces and general disarmament by stages," he added.

Erim said during a visit to Washington last month that "the Cyprus communities should hand over to the United Nations the arms in their possession for disarmament purposes." Observers saw Makarios' acceptance of the Turkish disarmament proposal as double-edged: on one side it would lead to de-confrontation and normalization on the island.

Greek officers

On the other, it would help Makarios shake off the troublesome pro-junta regular Greek army officers, who form the command structure of the conscript Greek-Cypriot army.

The presence of these officers, estimated at 1,200, on the island has been the greatest potential threat faced by Makarios during the continuing campaign by the ruling Greek junta to have him ousted.

Makarios pointed out in his statement that he accepted a similar disarmament proposal made by the then U.N. Secretary-General U Thant in November, 1967.

This proposal came to nothing because the Greek-Cypriot leader demanded that demilitarization should be accompanied by guarantees against foreign military intervention.

Ultimatum on Fischer

AMSTERDAM (AP). — The World Chess Federation — FIDE — on Friday asked the U.S. Chess Federation to guarantee that challenger Robert Fischer would play world champion Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union as agreed on March 20.

If not, the FIDE secretariat warned in a communique released here, or if an answer arrives after the deadline of April 4, FIDE will regard it as a refusal of the American challenger to play the match. In the agreement, it was decided to split the match between Belgrade and Reykjavik, Iceland, after Fischer and Spassky could not agree on the venue.

The agreement was signed by all chess federations concerned, the FIDE secretariat said, adding that Fischer was represented by Edmund Edmondson, the executive director of the American Chess Federation. Two days later, however, Fischer sent telegrams to the Yugoslav and Icelandic federations in which he demanded a cut from television revenue and other possible receipts in addition to the newly set prize fund of \$138,000. He also stated that Edmondson was not authorized to accept the Amsterdam agreement in his name.

The two organizing federations replied they could not accept a change in the agreement and refused to comply with Fischer's demands, the FIDE secretariat said.

'To build, first you must destroy' Turkey's tiny band of leftist extremists

By NIKK LUDINGTON ANKARA (AP). — The "Turkish Peoples Liberation Army" has proved that it is tiny band of extremists, if they are totally fanatic, can disrupt a nation's life.

The T.P.L.A., Turkey's Tupamaros, subscribes to the Maoist theory that to build, first you must destroy — "the best is the worst."

The T.P.L.A. is "supported from outside" Turkish officials claim, implying Communist countries help with advice, arms and money. Evidence points to the fact that many of the activists were trained and armed in Syrian terrorist camps. They may also have financial support from East Germany, while support also comes from leftist sympathizers in Turkey.

A few hundred strong, the T.P.L.A. was led by a former political science student, Mahir Cayan, 25, and other university students.

They robbed banks, bombed embassies, kidnapped U.S. servicemen, turning them loose unharmed, then kidnapped and murdered the Israeli Consul Ephraim Elrom last May and three Nato technicians last week.

Turkey's top military commanders decided the conservative government of Premier Suleyman Demirel was incapable of dealing with the unrest. They wanted reforms to blunt the leftist propaganda — which was playing on themes of injustice in income distribution and dependence on foreign aid from "Western Imperialism."

Threatening a direct military takeover, they forced Demirel out and backed the installation of law professor Nihat Erim as Premier. One of Erim's first acts was to proclaim martial law in 11 provinces and start a crackdown on the left, in which some 1,500 persons have been put on trial, including moderate leftist intellectuals.

Jail break

Cayan and four others made a daring escape from a military prison in November. Since then he had been at large despite martial law. He and his colleagues used disguises and false identity cards and slipped out of police traps several times.

The Nato technicians' kidnap, Cayan's final exploit, again threw Turkey into turmoil. Surrounded by 800 troops in a mountain village, Cayan or one of his T.P.L.A. comrades killed the Canadians and two British technicians, then wrote a final manifesto, saying the technicians were "agents" and it was a "debt of honour" to execute them.

"We are the guiding lighters of the revolution. We feel martyrs believing absolutely that this flag — revolution — would one day fly over the tower of oligarchy and with the satisfaction of having been guides on the road," it read.

The terrorists fired on the troops and were killed in a furious cross-fire of small arms and bazooka fire. "We came here to die," they shouted to the troop commander who asked them to surrender.

Stricter measures against the left are expected — which fits into the T.P.L.A. plans. They believe right-wing repression will make moderate left reforms impossible and make a final Communist revolution inevitable.

B-52 crash kills seven-man crew

ORLANDO, Florida (Reuter). — A B-52 bomber crashed in a residential area on Friday, killing its seven-man crew.

The giant eight-engine bomber, of the type used in Indo-China and that once was the mainstay of the U.S. nuclear strike force, was not carrying weapons.

Eight persons on the ground were seriously burned when the plane crashed. Four homes were destroyed and two seriously damaged by flaming jet fuel. An orange fireball and mushroom cloud created by the crash could be seen 20 miles away.

Court rejects terrorist case

BEIRUT (Reuter). — A Lebanese military court has ruled that it was not competent to try 11 members of a Palestinian terrorist organization charged with attacking a security post last December. One terrorist, and two security men were killed and another security man was wounded in the clash involving the Syrian-backed Saika organization.

The court's decision was pronounced shortly after it had resumed its hearing of the case, which began on February 12. The court said prisons and internal security posts were not military institutions, and the case was not, therefore, within the competence of the military judiciary.

Norway donating \$150,000 to Unrwa

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — Norway has decided to make an extraordinary contribution of one million kroner, or about \$150,000, to the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, the agency announced Friday.

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STATE OF ISRAEL DEVELOPMENT LOAN

Force should be last step — Hussein

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — King Hussein of Jordan said yesterday that the use of force in the Arab-Israeli dispute should be "the very last resort of anyone."

Speaking in the U.S. in a television programme taped last Wednesday, Hussein stressed that peaceful rather than military solutions should be sought in the dispute.

The Jordanian ruler told interviewers that his proposal to unite both banks of the River Jordan into a federal state had the overwhelming backing of his people and intellectuals of the Arab world.

He brushed aside Israel's criticism of the plan, saying his concern was for future generations.

Asked if his proposal meant he felt the possibility of an interim settlement on the Suez Canal was now frozen, Hussein said he was not aware of progress on the Suez problem because "We are not coordinating, as we used to with our friends in Egypt."

He added: "We believe, at the same time, that the majority of difficulties inherent in any attempt to achieve a final peace really centralize in Jordan itself and Palestine."

He accused Israel of preventing progress to peace by her attitude towards retaining Jerusalem and key border areas.

On the future of Jerusalem, King Hussein said, it would be possible under his Palestine plan for the city to be the capital of both Palestine and Israel.

The King did not answer directly when asked if he had sought more U.S. economic or military aid. (A report on Saturday said the U.S. was reported to have agreed to supply 12 to 24 supersonic F-5 jet fighters to Jordan over the next two years.)

The King told interviewers he had put forward Jordan's case and had given an indication of plans to move ahead to make his country a model of a progressive nation.

Questioned on recent elections organized by the Israelis on the West Bank, he said he believed the Arab voters had been forced to take part.

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REPORT ON I.G.C.

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Not a new kind of shaving cream, but a protective spray against robbers developed by the Israel Product Research Company Ltd. of Tel Aviv.

COMPLAINTS AT LABOUR COURT DELAYS

By YA'ACOV ABDON Jerusalem Post Reporter... HAIFA. — ON August 21, 1970, just over a week before the beginning of the new school year...

Education aids sell abroad

TEL AVIV. — On-the-spot purchases and orders worth \$400,000 were taken by Israeli manufacturers of educational auxiliaries and teaching aids at the recent Hannover international trade fair.

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SEX IN MARRIAGE One of the titles from the range of sixty-one booklets written by Doctors and published by the British Medical Association now available in Israel.

A proposal Mr. Hadassi suggests that an ordinary court, consisting of a single judge, would deal faster with cases than the labour courts.

ITTI centre for Israel New airport at Frankfurt International Telecommunications and Teletyping, Inc. last week announced a plan to open a Computer Output Microfilm (COM) Service & Research Centre in Israel.

SPORTING AND MASCULINE HELENA Rubinstein has just launched an addition to its Men's Club range: Men's Club '52 eau de cologne and after-shave lotion.

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ISRAEL CITRUS: WHEN U.K. JOINS THE MART

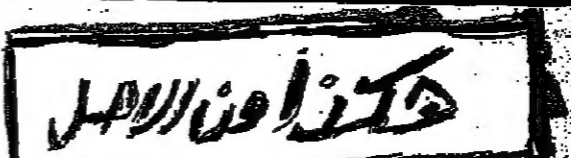
By MACABEE DEAN Jerusalem Post Reporter... ROMEO. — THE Italian Government has not yet taken any decision regarding Israel's citrus exports to the Common Market after Britain's entry...

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THE CENTRAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS During May and June 1972 a population and housing census will be held throughout Israel. For this purpose the country has been divided in 19 districts, each with its district office, as listed below:

Table with 4 columns: District, Place, Address, Telephone. Lists 19 districts including Tiberias, Acre, Afula, Haifa, Hadera, Netanya, Kfar Saba, Herzliya, Ramat Gan, Tel Aviv, Bat Yam, Rehovot, Ramla, Jerusalem, Ashdod, Beersheva.

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Readers' letters

Mortgages for settlers

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: We are new immigrants who, early in October, were... representative of the... Ministry here at the... Centre to obtain... regarding our... housing... This was... prior to making any... commitment... on an apartment... We were told that... an immediate... had the right to... this sum into... account... when... apartment... hunting... Armed with this... assurance, and with the feeling... that we were... buying a permanent... home in which to... raise our children... we purchased a... semi-detached... villa in Givat... Hamivtar. It took... all our savings... but was, we were... sure, a sound... investment. As soon... as a contract was... signed, we applied... for our promised... mortgage. Again... at that time, we were... told that our... mortgage would be... forthcoming. Shortly thereafter... the entire question... of mortgage rights... for immigrants was... reviewed, which led... to the recent... promulgation of new... guidelines for... immigrants arriving... after July 1, 1972.

This week, we were informed that under the discretionary powers at his disposal, the Director-General of the Absorption Ministry has rejected our mortgage application. We aren't questioning this authority. However, the integrity and credibility of the Ministry is certainly subject to question. We don't question the Ministry's right to refuse to grant mortgages whenever the price of an apartment is as high as the price we paid. But we certainly question the fact that we were never informed of this discretionary power. On the contrary, when first obtaining information, we were specifically told that in the representative of the Ministry here at the Absorption Centre to obtain information regarding our allowable budget for housing... Had we been informed of this discretionary power, and had we not been told that the mortgage would be granted regardless of the total price of the apartment, we would have budgeted for, bought, and signed an agreement for a cheaper apartment, while taking the Government at its word, and now find ourselves over-extended. When one immigrates, one doesn't expect the same conditions, economic well-being, and comforts that were available in the United States, but one certainly expects, and indeed, is entitled to, total honesty from the government.

Mr. and Mrs. W. BARDFIELD Messeret, Zion, February 16. Absorption Ministry replies: The Ministry of Absorption helps new immigrants according to their needs and means. Immigrant privileges are not granted automatically. An immigrant who buys a very expensive apartment is not entitled to a subsidy at the public's expense. The Ministry of Absorption was acting on this principle when it decided not to grant the Bardfield family a \$50,000 mortgage. ARNON MANTYER Acting Spokesman Jerusalem, March 15.

Improving higher education

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: It might be of interest to your readers to point out that many of the criticisms levelled at the Hebrew University Law School in Leonard Schroeter's recent article (March 17) also apply to many other departments in the Hebrew University: students look for the answer the teacher wants rather than analyzing a problem; lecture notes constitute a kind of textbook; exercise groups are often overcrowded; junior faculty members can advance only by publishing, thus they often have little time to devote to the students, etc. etc.

I might add that the teaching staff generally allows only two hours per week to receiving students. This results in long lines and insurmountable time being given to each individual who may brave the lines to seek assistance. In addition to focusing on the petty details rather than on understanding of general principles, examinations more often than not require mere regurgitation of lecture notes or assigned readings. Although additional funds are needed to implement such reforms as hiring more teachers, great improvements without financial expenditure could be made simply by modifying the present approach to education. A few suggestions follow:

- 1) Exams should test understanding rather than rote memorization; better still, students could be given the option of writing essays or "take-home exams" as is presently the practice in many North American schools. 2) Class sizes should be reduced with discussion groups replacing lectures whenever possible. This could be at least partially accomplished by making better use of the teaching assistants' time. 3) Consideration of an instructor's teaching ability should be a criterion for academic advancement. 4) Professors should allot more than two hours a week to seeing students privately. It should be evident that some measures of reform are urgently needed at the Hebrew University to produce people capable of independent reasoning and research. GENE GOLDMAN Jerusalem, March 19.

CONDITIONS AT ASHDOD PORT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: I wish to refer to Captain T. Singer's letter (March 17) and agree with him that the waiting of ships in our ports is a serious problem, even though the Ports Authority does its utmost to work at full speed to overcome delays. The present wharves at Ashdod enable us to handle only 12 to 14 ships at a time, therefore some of the ships arriving at Ashdod must wait for their turn outside the breakwaters at open anchorage. Additional wharves are under construction and upon completion, the port's capacity will be much larger. Shifting within the port is done in order to speed up the handling of ships, thus enabling ships waiting at open anchorage to enter port as soon as possible and use the wharves with maximum efficiency. Supplies brought to ships at open anchorage are necessarily more costly because they have to be transported by sea and land. That Israeli seamen are struck on their ships is a distressing problem and Captain Singer is right in what he says on the subject. Many technical difficulties stand in the way of Israeli seamen who want to return to their homes, which are generally in the north of the country. However, this problem does not come under the jurisdiction of the Ports Authority, which cannot solve it. In many European ports, shipping companies arrange to have shore crews replace the regular crew immediately upon arrival of the ship in port and for the duration of its stay. This enables the seamen to be home with their families. H. SHOSHAN, Public Relations Officer, Israel Ports Authority, Port of Ashdod, Ashdod, March 22.

PEN FRIENDS

BRUCE BRADSHAW of 1299 Tehela Drive, Concord, California 94520, would like to have Israeli penfriends. SOLEDAD TALLEP (24), of Zamora-Bonafina, Messana Occidental, Philippines, would like to have Israeli penfriends. UTA SIKKEL (26), of 173 Villingen/Schwabenstrasse, West Germany, would like to correspond with Israelis in German or English.

KEEPING POSTED

THE seder tables at Kibbutz Naot Mordechai in Upper Galilee were laid for a thousand, which allowed for about 500 volunteers, ulpan students, grown-up children working elsewhere, personal guests and Soviet newcomers.

The first Naot members came from Austria and Czechoslovakia before 1939 (with a more recent group from Latin America), and a wholly Central European air of orderly tradition still reigns. Four grave men and five totally-committed women in white blouses and cardigans made up the trained choir that presented most of the service. The children's section of the choir consisted of cheerful sobras, waving uninhibited messages to their families and friends, but they, too, sang in tune and did not shout. The Haggadah itself is a local product, based on the themes of exodus and freedom, with one or two bits of classical music inserted as well as some of the traditional Pesach songs. Democracy is practised—there was a musical conductor, but nobody taking the part of the head of the house, and the readings came in turn from all the tables.

We asked whether the Haggada was the same every year. The answer was "Yes. And it's a funny

thing, but I was in favour of putting in a new bit to mark the coming of the Russian Jews but, you know, I couldn't get it in. People were violently opposed to changing the text at all. What did I mean, they said. We've had this Haggada for 20 years, it's a tradition. You can't change a tradition."



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IN an astonishingly short time the trestle tables were cleared away, people being called to their various jobs by a loudspeaker. Very good coffee with large bowls of whipped cream and macaroons were meanwhile available outside on the lawn. These people with intellectual faces, well-dressed if not wildly fashionable, discussed music, the life and possible death of the near-by Kinneret and the vagaries of volunteers whose appearance is as determinedly anti-bourgeois by comparison with the tidy kibbutzfolk as theirs was once upon a time compared to their guests from the city. "Our volunteers here get on all right with our own young people," I was told. "They share a club-room. After our children get back from the army most of them take a six-month vacation and the kibbutz makes no difficulties about that any longer. They can go abroad if they like, and many of them have gone to pay exchange visits to volunteers who were here. So it helps them to see more, too."

THE dancing began, hora, but with a difference. Everybody

A blood shock for the 'white' South Africans

By STANLEY UYS — CAFE TOWN (Oftus). — A SIX-year genetic research programme conducted by Dr. M.C. Botha, the immunologist who worked with Professor Christian Barnard's heart transplant team, discloses that the Afrikaner people in South Africa have an average of 7 per cent of "non-white" blood in their veins — and not 1 per cent as has been accepted since Dr. E.H. Colenbrander published his findings in 1902.

Dr. Botha has also found that South Africa's two million Coloured people of mixed-race descent have 34 per cent "white" blood. He thus contradicts Government claims that the Coloured people are derived almost entirely from indigenous Bushmen and Hottentots and imported oriental slaves.

His findings, which are being published here this week, will infuriate many Afrikaner leaders. The initial reason for his researches, he says, was to determine the distribution of Rh factors in a multiracial society. Dr. Botha had been examining the brother of one of South Africa's most prominent Afrikaner politi-

cians who suffered from a blood disease usually found only among the indigenous people of Africa. The man died because he was treated with the wrong drugs.

"It was then that I first realized the tremendous importance of a greater awareness among doctors of the possibility of diseases occurring among whites which are usually associated with Africans. Only as the study evolved did I realize that the scientific findings could be linked with the fascinating historical facts which were emerging. It was then that I saw the merit of publishing the results to give the Coloured man an identity.

"I feel it's time the Coloured man knew the facts. It's time he knew that he is not descended only from slaves and Hottentots. It's time he realized that he has all the faults and all the virtues of three continents — and all the potentialities." By coincidence, Dr. J.A. Heese, a former Dutch Reformed Church archivist, has just reached an almost identical conclusion. His finding is that Afrikaners have 6.9 per cent of non-white blood. Dr. Heese based his analysis on birth and marriage registers.

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Losing touch with the people

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: In a letter to your column (March 20), P. Hirschmann wrote about "The hate-baden investive used (in Israel) for political fighting," and he says "Have we (our politicians) jumped from youth to old age all in the short space of a few years?"

In answer: The majority of our politicians, in all parties, haven't jumped from "youth to old age" in the space of a few years; they have grown old gradually and in public office. We wish them even a longer life, but out of public office. Even the "Young Turks" in most of the parties are growing old. There is a vital need to re-examine and change national priorities. Our present leaders seem to have

lost touch with the people for two important reasons:

- 1) Holding public office in government for a long uninterrupted period of time has caused them to lose, by and large, their sensitivity to the social needs of the people and. 2) Our leaders do not represent the people. They represent political parties. We need true representative government, i.e. votes for individuals and not parties. Do any sorrow, after 22 years in Israel there is no person I can vote for; to whom I can turn to and identify with to represent me. I feel the need, and I feel the need. DE. ARYEH DAVI Hamat Gan, March 22.

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Owner (Histadrut) says that the only interpretation of Hussein's proposal is that he wants East Jerusalem returned to him. Israel can thus not accept the proposal, and an information campaign is called for to explain to the world why Israel cannot relinquish Jerusalem.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam), discussing Israel-Uganda relations, writes: "The closing of the embassy in Kampala is a disappointing and unexpected end to close and ramified relations between both countries. The conclusion to be drawn from this ending is that even extensive and variegated aid does not guarantee a sure link in the long run."

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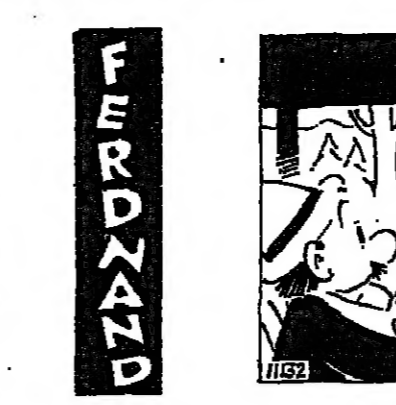
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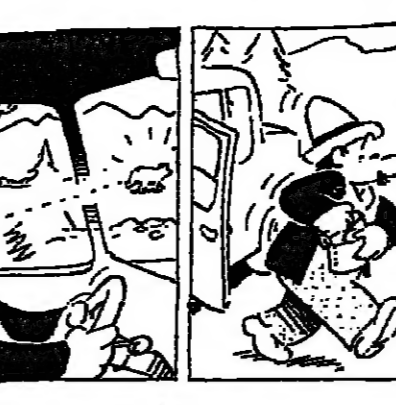
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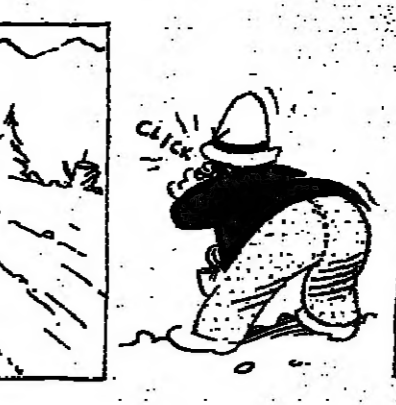
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SECRET CABLE TO MT. ZION RUNS RISK OF EXTINCTION

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A secret cable carrying supplies and wounded soldiers across the Jordan Valley to and from the beleaguered town of Mount Zion during the War of Independence was unveiled at a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday. The meeting with the press was held in the northernmost wing of the former St. John's Hospital across the valley from the other end of the cable.

Mr. Hefetz, the man who designed the cable while serving as the engineering officer of the Sixth Brigade in Jerusalem under the command of Moshe Dayan, explained that it had been decided to tell the story of the cable and permit photographs to be taken before it was dismantled. (The St. John's building is being converted into a hotel and the planned use of the building within the hotel complex doesn't allow for the cable to remain in its present location, where it occupies three whole rooms).

Mr. Hefetz, who refused to answer any questions as to his present occupation, except to say that he is a "citizen," explained that the idea of the overhead cable across the valley was thought of primarily as a way of evacuating wounded from Mount Zion.

"Efforts to take wounded down the hill only led to more casualties. Every attempt to knock out the Arab Legion's guns proved fruitless, and the casualties we suffered on the slopes were high.

"Then the idea of the cable car was born. It was decided that if the cable was kept slack in the daytime the Legionnaires wouldn't be able to see it and during the hours of darkness we would be able to wind it up and then ferry materials across and bring the wounded back in the little box which was just big enough to hold a soldier on a stretcher," he explained.



The cable car in operation, on its way to Mt. Zion. (Barclay)

TWO-MINUTE JOURNEY

The cable spans 300 metres and the oblong box-like "car" was capable of carrying up to 250 kilos. Operated by two man-powered wheels, it crossed the valley at a height of about 50 metres, taking about two minutes to complete the journey.

"The cable was first operated in December 1949, and on the first night we managed to transfer 10 tons of cement and other material for fortifications. This was the first time that we were able to get cement up onto the Mount. Prior to that all the fortifications had been made from the earth on the site.

"The cable was operated for about six months. We kept it in repair right up till the Six Day War, in case Mount Zion should ever be cut off again," continued Mr. Hefetz.

At the conclusion of his explanation Mr. Hefetz ordered soldiers who were present to start operating the cable and the car slowly swung out into the air over the valley. At this point he appealed to the reporters present to make the existence of the cable car public as a way of stirring pressure on the builders to alter their plan to have the installation removed. He explained that the building company, Stocks and Buildings Israel Ltd., was prepared to have the machinery installed on a platform built onto the side of the building, provided that the Municipality pay the cost of this work.

OWNERS' VIEWPOINT

At this point, we asked Mr. Simon Maman Peres, the head of the company, who was present, if he knew what the press conference was all about. He replied that he understood that it was to

make public this little slice of history. Mr. Peres is from Spain. When I told him that Mr. Hefetz had appealed for public pressure to stop the dismantling of the pulleys, Mr. Peres turned to the engineer and asked him, in English, if it was true, that he was trying to invite people against the moving of the cable.

"For more than 20 years nobody cared about the cable, and suddenly on the very day that they promised to remove it, they call a press conference to make a fuss about it," declared Mr. Peres. "I had my workers clean up this room so that you could stand here and see the cable today, and if I hadn't done it nobody would have. After 20 years of neglect they suddenly remembered that this cable exists.

"It is impossible to ask us to alter our plans once again just for this cable. We have offered to have a platform built outside the building. If these people really care about the historical value of the cable, they will agree to finance this idea," he said with considerable heat.

Esperanto buffs meet in Tel Aviv

By SARAH KONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — One hundred Esperanto speakers assembled yesterday for their annual convention at Beit Livnat — the Yiddish cultural centre here. Convention organizers, however, were quick to tell *The Jerusalem Post* that although Yiddish is also a well-known international language, the choice of the premises is purely coincidental.

The Israel Esperanto Association, according to deputy chairman Asher Ron, has some 500 members, although the number in Israel of those with some knowledge of the language is higher. "The problem

Pilgrims through J'lem to celebrate Easter

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Thousands of pilgrims from every part of the world celebrated Easter yesterday morning in the many churches in Jerusalem. Common to all was the phrase "Christ is risen," spoken in every tongue.

One of the earliest services commemorating the resurrection was at dawn, in the open, outside the Church of Scotland. Atop a hill facing the southern edge of the walled Old City, the congregation, of many nationalities, including a Nigerian church dignitary, chanted "Jesus is risen today, Hallelujah."

In the background, a glowing sun rose slowly from behind the hills to the east.

A short while later, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, J. J. Belltrilli, was officiating at mass at the Holy Sepulchre inside the Old City. His Beatitude, the Patriarch had come to this most hallowed site in Christendom at the head of a colourful procession which wended from his residence near Jaffa Gate.

The Patriarch's procession was preceded by a drum corps of boy scouts. Church bells tolled in the distance. Diplomats, mostly from Latin countries, walked behind the Patriarch in their Sunday best.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was the lodestone for Christians of all communities. The Catholics were there for Easter Sunday services, the climax of the week-long celebrations. The Orthodox (Eastern Churches) docked to observe Palm Sunday, the beginning of their Holy Week. Easter, for these churches, falls next Sunday, and hundreds of Greek and Cypriot pilgrims were in the Greek Orthodox section of the basilica.

Stevedores' strike averted in Haifa

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A stevedore strike which would have paralysed the Port was averted yesterday at the last moment through the intervention of Labour Council Secretary Eliezer Molk.

He appealed to the port management and the port foremen to postpone the introduction of the first stage of the foremen's work reorganization for a fortnight. The stevedores had feared that their own position might be adversely affected.

As both sides agreed to the postponement, work in the port continued as usual yesterday, and no further trouble is expected for the time being. Congestion is still continuing, however.

Mr. Molk told *The Post* that the port management had failed to explain the reorganization scheme adequately to the workers. They had nothing to fear. The changes affecting them "will be psychological only," he said. But their fears had not been allayed.

As he wanted to avoid a strike at this time, when citrus exports are still in full swing, Mr. Molk said he had on Saturday night asked the management and the foremen for a fortnight's grace, during which the management would have time to explain the issue to the stevedores. "If after a fortnight the workers still don't agree, then the management will have the right

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Women tennis seeds lose in T.A. tourney

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Top-seeded women players Kora Schedewy and Jenine Whyte both suffered shock defeats when the Passover International Tennis Tournament continued here yesterday.

Miss Schedewy, ranked fifth in Germany and No. 1 seed in the event, went down 6-1, 6-3 to Vicky Lancaster, a leading Australian junior, whose aggressive game paid handsome dividends. Jenine Whyte, seeded behind the German and Australia's second-ranking junior, had the galling experience of leading her compatriot Mandy Morgan 6-3 and 5-1, only to finally lose 3-6, 7-5, 6-2. Miss Morgan is South Australia's girl champion.

Centre-piece of today's programme at the Masabi Club courts, starting at 1.30 p.m., will be men's singles semi-finals between defending champion Marmureanu (Romania) and either Shalet or Keldie (Austria), and Fletcher (Australia) and Weatherley (England). Last night, local No. 1 Shalet and the highly-rated Keldie were still on courts under floodlighting, with the Israeli looking really sharp as he won the second set of their quarter-final, after conceding the first 6-4.

PASSOVER PILGRIMAGE TODAY

Passover festivities will today feature a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, a procession to the Western Wall, where a new Torah scroll will be dedicated, and by a mass sacerdotal blessing at the Wall during the morning services.

The pilgrims will assemble at noon at the railway station in Jerusalem, where they will be addressed by the Chief Rabbi, the Minister of Religious Affairs and other dignitaries. A procession, led by musicians and youths bearing flags, will go to the Western Wall via Hebron Rd. and Zion Gate.

During the morning services at the Wall, *cohanim* — descendants of the priests of the Temple — will gather from all over the country for the traditional blessing, performed twice during the services. The blessing will take place at 8.30 for the morning service (*shahrit*), which begins at 7.45, and then at 9.30 for the *musaf*, which begins at 9.15.

Ashdod fights air pollution

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHDOD. — The Municipality will soon initiate an anti-air pollution bylaw, the first such measure in the country. This was announced yesterday by Mayor Zvi Zilkler at a press conference here.

The Municipality has become concerned with the air pollution problem with the rapid growth of the industrial zone, which now includes an electric power station and an oil refinery which will be operational next year.

Five Municipality air pollution tracking stations will be put into use within three months, the Mayor said, one of them a mobile station. The five stations will cost approximately IL500,000. Approximately half the cost of maintaining the units will be covered by a special anti-air-pollution levy on all of the city's industrial plants. The other half of the maintenance expense will be borne by the Health Ministry and the Ashdod Municipality.

Ashes of Nazis' Vilna victims to be reinterred

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Ashes taken from the Ponary Fields near Vilna, where Lithuanians killed 100,000 Jews during World War II, will be interred in Kiryat Shaul Cemetery here next Sunday. The ashes have been brought here by ways "not yet to be revealed," Dr. Meir Dvorjocki told the press here yesterday.

The ceremony will begin in Kiryat Malki Yisrael at 2.30 p.m. and proceed with a funeral procession to the cemetery.

"We did not know for quite a time that deportees from Vilna were being taken to Ponary for extermination," Dr. Dvorjocki, a Vilna man himself, said. But a wounded woman whom the executors believed dead managed to come back to the ghetto and tell the truth — which nobody believed at first, he said.

Members of the "special squad" of the Lithuanians were charged with the rounding up and execution of the Jews under the orders of three German sergeants — among them Franz Murer, twice acquitted by Austrian courts.

The Soviets have erected a monument in Ponary inscribed in Lithuanian and Russian "to the victims of Fascism." There is no mention that the victims were Jews, nor is there a single Hebrew letter on the monument.

Two suspects in hood's murder

TEL AVIV. — Police have detained two suspects in the murder of underworld figure Iman Asherov. Their investigation of the killing is drawing to a close, sources said.

One of the suspects is Eli Khalifa, of Ashdod, who was remanded in the Hadera Magistrate's Court for 15 days.

(Khalifa was one of the men arrested in February as a suspect in the Amidar bribery scandal in Ashdod.)

The body of Iman Asherov, 29, was discovered on the Carmel Coast three weeks ago, riddled with bullets. It was found by a platoon of soldiers training for the Three-Day March.

Asherov had been missing from his home for three weeks before his body was found. At the time of his death he was working as a bar-tender.

Earlier, he fell foul of the police several times, twice for attempted murder. In one of the cases, Asherov was alleged to have planted a bomb in January in Khalifa's Ashdod home.

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MARKET VERY FIRM AFTER HOLIDAY

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Bids were entered for 500,000 "rights" for new shares of the Bank Leumi Investment Company at the parity price of 86. The price rose 12 points to 78, and offers of 309,060 matched demand. The old shares have been consequently quoted at 203 ex rights against 207.5, the last time they were traded with rights before the holiday.

A demand for 166,000 shares of Bank Leumi sent the share up four points, and two more were added to close at 303 (turnover in both rounds was 101,000). Clal Industries added 4.5 points (144.5) to the opening three (150,100). ILDC opened up 13 on a demand for 200,000 to add five more (264) when 107,100 shares changed hands. Another leader in the land session was Isras which opened up five and seven more (152) on a turnover of 50,100. These shares have been lagging behind in the 135-140 region because of easy supply. Rasoco had another field day, the preferred shares closing at 120 and the ordinary at 83.5.

Ala B rose three in the variables to close at 373 (49,800). Dalek rose 2.5 more to close at 174.5 (54,800). Export Investment passed the 100 mark to close at 101 (62,500). The

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Moroccans told: Not enough being done to close social gap

Jerusalem Post Reporter

If present national policies continue, the social and educational gap will not be closed in a hundred years, according to Deputy Education Minister Avner Sciaki, speaking to the first world conference of the Moroccan Association. Sciaki was addressing the Jerusalem sessions of the conference, which took place at the Hebrew University.

He said that the social gap was widening daily, and that the present distribution of the national budget was not improving matters. National leaders such as Golda Meir, Moshe Dayan and Histadrut chairman Yitzhak Ben-Aharon are aware of the problem, Mr. Sciaki charged, but are not doing enough to overcome it.

A great deal of attention was paid to the social gap at the last Zionist Congress, but not much has been done since, he continued. "Perhaps some people aren't really interested

in the educational and social progress of the Eastern communities."

Mr. Sciaki's remarks were greeted with warm applause by the hundreds of delegates, many of whom were from France, the U.S. and Canada.

Other speakers at yesterday afternoon's sessions included representatives of the Jerusalem Black Panthers, who accused Israeli society of corrupting the values of Moroccan culture. Earlier yesterday, an open forum was held on "focal points of cultural tension" with the participation of Drs. Yisachar Ben-Ari, Haim Adler and Gavriel Ben-Simchon.

Other discussions yesterday included the "emerging cultural image" of Moroccan Israelis, which was chaired by Mr. Itzhak Navon, M.K., the chairman of the Zionist General Council.

Yesterday evening delegates gathered for prayers at the Western Wall. Late last night the delegates all went back to Ashdod, where the conference continues today.

Air France flies Jumbos to Lod Airport

Jerusalem Post Aviation Reporter

LOD AIRPORT. — Air France yesterday became the fourth international airline to introduce "Jumbo" Boeing 747 planes to Lod. (The other three are El Al, TWA and BOAC.)

The Air France giants will call six times a week at Lod, in transit to and from the Far East, increasing the company's seat capacity by 1,240 weekly or 65,000 a year.

The company now has 13 scheduled flights terminating at Lod and, in addition, six flights, three to the Far East and three west-bound to Paris from the East. These routes — formerly flown by regular 707 aircraft — were usually heavily booked, and will be replaced by the 357-passenger Boeing 747s, a company spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The first of the Jumbos to arrive here touched down shortly after four o'clock yesterday afternoon. The planes are staffed by Japanese hostesses. Stopovers en route from Paris include Athens, Lod, Teheran, Bombay, Bangkok, Saigon, Hongkong and Tokyo. The company also has connecting flights to Shanghai.

Air France reported a record increase of 100 per cent in traffic to Israel during the first three months of this year. The overall number of passengers flown (incoming and outgoing) from Lod up to the end of March added up to 20,916, compared to 10,407 carried during the first three months of last year.

El Al hit by world-wide aviation slump

Jerusalem Post Aviation Reporter

LOD AIRPORT. — El Al's prospects for the 1972/73 fiscal year are bleak, the President of the company, Mr. Mordechai Ben-Ari, said here. In a circular addressed to all staff and disseminated earlier this week, Mr. Ben-Ari said El Al can, at best, hope to break even.

A severe financial crisis has overtaken the air passenger industry all over the world, Mr. Ben-Ari noted. It has already cost tens of thousands of workers their jobs and conditions of employment of many others had, of necessity, deteriorated.

He added that El Al was now incapable of absorbing any extra wage raises and would barely be able to cope with the three per cent increase agreed to within the framework of the national wage policy for 1972 and the additional three per cent promised for 1973.

In conclusion, Mr. Ben-Ari noted that the year had nonetheless been a successful one in the sense that it had seen the conclusion of an important development phase — the absorption of the two Boeing 747s, the "Jumbos."

2 planeloads of Soviet Jews here

LOD AIRPORT. — Two large contingents of immigrants from the U.S.S.R. arrived here yesterday from Vienna by two El Al planes.

The majority of the immigrants are from Georgia, but the groups included Jews from Kiev, Moscow, Leningrad, Odessa and Kishinev. Jewish Agency and Absorption Ministry officials made short work of issuing immigrant cards, processing the arrivals, and dispatching them to apartments, absorption centres or homes or relatives.

The Vienna transit stop used by Russian immigrants is said to be almost vacant now, but more immigrants are expected shortly.

Rangoon bias being studied

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Football Association will not withdraw from Asian soccer competition, despite initial reports of anti-Israel bias of some Asian officials and of hostile crowds. Mr. Zeev Barsever, chairman of the I.F.A. told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

Mr. Barsever added that the Association is awaiting full reports on what had taken place in Rangoon before it decides what steps, if any, to take.

In Saturday's game against Thailand, which Israel lost 4-2 on penalty kicks after playing 120 minutes of a 0-0 draw, a goal in the 73rd minute by Mordechai Spiegler was disallowed by the referee after he had already awarded the goal to Israel. This was done when the Vietnamese linesman waved a flag signifying Spiegler was offside — which Israeli eye-witnesses have stated was not true.

Immediately after the game, Spiegler exchanged blows with the referee after he had already awarded the goal to Israel. If this incident is included in the referee's report of the game, Spiegler will face disciplinary action of the International Football Federation (FIFA), and may be barred from playing in Teheran later this month.

Reports reaching here from Rangoon last night said the Israel team will leave for home Tuesday, via Bangkok. It was originally due back only on April 9, but the players insisted on returning home as soon as possible.

Elegant restaurant closed as 'unhygienic,' then reopened

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Municipality ordered one of the city's most elegant restaurants closed for a month because of unhygienic conditions — and within 24 hours changed its mind and rescinded the order.

Inspectors who visited the restaurant, the Fontainebleau, at 139 Rehov Dizengoff, in the middle of March, found that food is prepared and cooked in a storeroom whose walls were dirty and studded with cockroach eggs. The cooks' tables were broken and covered with a layer of fat and dirt. The meat mincer was rusty. Shelves were covered with dust and cockroach eggs. Uncovered space containers were stored on the shelves. The weighing scales were covered with fat and dust. The floor was littered with glass fragments, papers and crates. The gas range was dirty and rusty. The storeroom is easily entered by cats, rats and other pests, the inspectors reported.

The Municipality apparently took fright at its own decision. Yesterday evening, the Municipal spokesman phoned newspaper offices to inform them that the city had cancelled its closure order, after 24 hours.

The owners presumably made such a fuss at City Hall, that the city spokesman was obliged to amend his own announcement, a matter of hours after he released it. City inspectors were ordered by Deputy Mayor Ariel Arad to let the restaurant reopen this morning, after only a one-day closure.

The owners — the Municipal spokesman said — had promised to clean up their place, and the authorities were taking them at their word.

Sapir denies report to make him Premier

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir yesterday denied that he had taken part a week ago in a closed Labour Party meeting where it was resolved to appoint him successor to Premier Golda Meir, six months after the 1973 elections.

He said: "I did not take part in any such consultations. Indeed I could not have been there. I was out of the country. I have said time and again that I am not a candidate for premier or any other Cabinet post in the next Government."

Mr. Sapir then added: "Apparently someone wants to make trouble between me and the real candidates."

The report had it that a number of ex-Maoi politicians who control the Labour Party machine, known popularly as the Gush, wanted an agreement with the ex-Ahdut Ha'avoda wing to press Mr. Sapir to succeed Mrs. Meir.

"The Gush" includes such prominent politicians as Tel Aviv Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz, Agriculture Bank director Avraham Kalderson, Shikun Ovim manager Avraham Ofer, party branch secretaries Moshe Baram (Jerusalem), Avraham Zilberberg (Moshavim), and Meir Zarmi (Ihud Hakibbutzim), and ex-Ma'apil Histadrut whip Yeruham Meshel.

However, last night the politicians mentioned in the report, like Mr. Ofer, were also denying that such a meeting took place.

It was reported that having concluded that Mrs. Meir is unshakable in her wish to retire to Kibbutz Revivim, the ex-Ma'apil politicians plan to organize the elections with Mrs. Meir at the head of the list, with her stepping down a half year later. Mr. Sapir would be Minister without Portfolio for that six months. According to the alleged plan Mr. Rabinowitz would take either one of the Finance or Commerce and Industry portfolios, with Mr. Ofer replacing Mr. Zeev Sharef as Minister of Housing.

This programme, and other Cabinet changes, were reported to be aimed at neutralizing Defence Minister Moshe Dayan.

However, well-informed sources in the Labour Party yesterday claimed that the report was planted in the newspapers by one or more of the "Gush" politicians who are growing increasingly nervous at their own political prospects, with the recurrent deals issued by Mr. Sapir of his desire to be Premier.

Mexico-Israel air route may open

Israel and Mexico have agreed in principle to open a direct air route between the two countries, Transport Minister Shimon Peres said here yesterday on his return from Mexico, Canada and the U.S.

He said a meeting will be held shortly of representatives of the Israeli and Mexican Governments, and of the two countries' national airlines. The conference will work out a schedule for Lod-Mexico City flights.

While in Canada, Mr. Peres discussed details of the \$100m. loan Israel is taking from the Ottawa Government. Part of the credit will be used for the purchase of coaches for Israel Railways, for use on the Haifa-Tel Aviv run. According to Mr. Peres, the new coaches will mean faster and more frequent train service between the two cities. He added that by 1973 the train an hour will be available in either direction.

Part of the Canadian loan will also be used for the addition of two terminal buildings at Lod Airport, Mr. Peres said, one for passengers and one for cargo. The former will be a pre-fabricated structure of sheet aluminium, concrete and glass. It will be imported to Israel in sections, and, if construction schedules are met, will be in operation for the 25th anniversary celebrations slated for next year.

Mr. Peres appeared at 16 fund-raising meetings for the United Jewish Appeal during the American leg of his trip. He said he expects U.J.A.'s income this year to exceed last year's record collections by 15 per cent. (American contributors pledged \$280m. to U.J.A. in 1971, according to Jewish Agency Treasurer Arye Dulst.) (Itim)

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy.

Weather symbols: Trough of low pressure from Russia in Black Sea and Aegean Sea is moving eastward. Yesterday's weather:

Locality	Temp.	Wind	Humidity	Min.-Max.
Jerusalem	26	8-18	70	18-26
Golan	25	7-21	70	18-25
Nahariya	25	7-21	70	18-25
Safed	24	7-21	70	18-24
Tiberias	23	7-21	70	18-23
Nazareth	23	7-21	70	18-23
Afula	22	7-21	70	18-22
Beer Sheva	22	7-21	70	18-22
Tel Aviv	21	7-21	70	18-21
Lod Airport	21	7-21	70	18-21
Jericho	20	7-21	70	18-20
Haifa	20	7-21	70	18-20
Beersheva	19	7-21	70	18-19
Dimona	18	7-21	70	18-18
Tirat Svirat	22	7-21	70	18-22

ARRIVALS

Deputy Health Minister Abdul Zaki, from a visit to the U.S., on which he met with officials of the State Department and with President's adviser Henry Kissinger.

Mr. Abraham H. Foxman, of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, for the production of a series of radio programs.

Sex allegation holds four men in Ashdod

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHDOD. — A 16-year-old Ashdod girl complained to police yesterday that an 18-year-old boy, also of this city, enticed her to accompany him to a construction area, where he introduced her to three watchmen. She said the latter together with the youth, then proceeded to have sexual relations with her.

The four men have been arrested and will probably be arraigned today on charges of statutory rape. The 18-year-old youth may also face charges of procuring. (Itim)

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TWO KILLED ON ROADS

Two road deaths were reported yesterday and Saturday.

A still-identified woman believed to be about 50 years old was run over and killed Saturday night as she was crossing the Southern Road, near Kfar Ahim. The accident occurred at approximately eight p.m.

The woman, who died on the way to Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot, was struck by a tender driven by Yitzhak Binjamin, of Moshav Zacharia.

Another fatal accident, 24-year-old Kamil Abu Tuhano, of Del el-Balah, was killed when a taxi coming from Gaza knocked over his bicycle on the main road running through the Gaza Strip. (Itim)

Outwits bird, brings jet down safely

LOD AIRPORT. — Fast thinking by a young test pilot for Israel Aviation Industries recently prevented the crash of a single-engine Air Force jet, the latest issue of "She'hakim," the Aviation Industries magazine, reports.

According to the report, the aircraft had been serviced by the company and was taken aloft by the test pilot for a routine check. During the takeoff, a bird was sucked into the engine and immediately affected the operation of the turbines. The plane began vibrating violently and soon was in danger of breaking apart.

Because he still had not gained sufficient altitude, the pilot was unable to bail out. On the other hand, it was too late to return and land.

As the vibrations grew worse, the pilot slowly closed down the throttle, meanwhile gaining altitude. When he reached the height of 2,500 feet he cut out the engine entirely, went in a dive and brought the plane down safely in a glide on a runway here. (Itim)

Druse factory exports sportswear

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACRE. — A sports clothes factory has been set up at Khurfeish, a Druse village near the Lebanese border. All its production is earmarked for export to West Europe.

The plant employs over 50 girls working in two shifts. It is a joint enterprise of local and Jewish investors from Tel Aviv.

'Non-smokers of the world—unite!'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Dozens of ex-smokers and would-be ex-smokers convened at Kibbutz Ma'agan Michael yesterday, to discuss ways of promoting the missionary work of the Society for the Abolition of Smoking. Sponsored by the Health Ministry, the Society chose the kibbutz as its venue because of its success with 400 smoking members there — all but 40 men and 14 women have given up smoking.

The anti-smoking groups work by demonstrating the health dangers to smokers who want to give it up but can't do so on their own, and rely on group therapy, and common effort. "Once we get a member down to three or four cigarettes a day, we quickly persuade him to give them up too," said one of the group leaders, Kibbutz member Ya'acov.

He readily admitted to being a missionary for the cause. "Look: I'm 47, and was smoking 30 cigarettes a day. It was an effort to hold a lengthy conversation, not to mention how badly I felt generally. Now, I feel much fitter, physically and mentally. So, why shouldn't I try to save other members when I see them coughing and choking behind their silly cigarettes?"

He admitted to having gained weight at first, "but weight can be controlled, unlike cigarettes," he said. It was "amazing," just how many other things they could now afford to buy at the kibbutz store, money saved by not smoking, he stressed.

Mr. Tuva Lehrer, of the Health Ministry's health education unit, said that "the Government would not regret losing the million from tobacco duties," if everybody kicks the habit. He said the present cost for treatment, absenteeism and reduced working ability was much higher, quite apart from the subsidies paid to local tobacco growers. "The Government will find a way to compensate for the loss of income from tobacco," he noted.

Shazar: Writers should again be pioneers

TEL AVIV. — President Shazar called on writers in Israel to help restore pioneering to the place of honour. He made the appeal in an unscheduled address at the opening of the 25th national convention of the Hebrew Writers Association at Beit Tchernikovskiy yesterday.

Prime Minister Golda Meir and Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Alon were among those present.

The convention was opened by Mr. Abba Kovner, chairman of the Association, who spoke in a minor key on the failure of contemporary Hebrew writers to explain the pangs of reality to a society of utopia-seeking newcomers from "the long night." This cannot be achieved by administrative arrangements, he said.

For the first time in the Association's fifty years, a speech in Yiddish was made from its platform. It was the address of Mr. Yosef Kereler, a recent immigrant from the U.S.S.R., where he was a noted Yiddish poet.

THE SANTA KATERINA MONASTERY in Sinai will be closed to visitors until April 15, because of the Easter Holiday, the Army spokesman announced yesterday.

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